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CIRCULAR.

No. 2071 OF 1870.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 4th June 1870.

To

ALL HEADS OF OFFICES.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that Government have ruled that whenever occasion may arise for the institution of prosecutions for libel on statements made in petitions to Government or other superior authorities, the permission of Government or of the said superior authorities should be obtained before legal proceedings are taken on such petitions.

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CIRCULAR.

No. 3778 OF 1852.

FROM

A. MALET, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay;

To

THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Bombay Castle, 28th August 1852.

SIR,

The following extracts, paragraphs 26 and 27, of a Despatch from the Honourable Court bearing date the 23rd June 1852, No. 19, are forwarded for your information and for communication to all the subordinate officers in your Department, to whom it should be clearly intimated that Government will rigidly act up to the spirit of the instructions they contain:—

“ Paragraph 26.—The mal-practices which it has been our painful duty to notice among the subordinate functionaries in the Government offices at your Presidency, have been continued through so many years, and are of a character so injurious, both to the public interests and to the reputation of the British Government, that you ought not to shrink from the exercise of any severity which may be necessary for their entire suppression. Prosecution in a Criminal Court should be had recourse to when legal evidence can be obtained; in any case, all persons either directly or indirectly concerned in the corrupt receipt of money, or in divulging the secrets of Government, or in the clandestine communication of official documents, or being even cogni-

sant or such practices without bringing them to the notice of their superiors, should be dismissed from office, and their re-employment in any Department of the public service strictly interdicted.

"27. In cases where it may not be possible to fix the breach of trust upon a particular individual, but where it may be ascertained that it has been committed in some branch of a Department, reluctant as we should be to inflict injury on any who may be innocent, we should feel it our duty to dispense with the services of the whole body, rather than fail to reach the treacherous and corrupt members of it."

I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed) A. MALET,

Chief Secretary.

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No. 6184 OF 1850.

Transfer from the Political to the Revenue Department.

CIRCULAR.

No. 6183 OF 1850.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

FROM

H. C. GOLDSMID, Esq.,

Secretary to Government,

Bombay ;

TO

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. OUTRAM, C.B.,

Resident at Baroda.

Dated 19th November 1850.

SIR,

I am desired by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit for your information and future guidance an extract (paragraphs 2 and 3) from my letter No. 6182 of this date to the Political Agent in the Southern Marátha Country, directing that in all future cases of entries of the names of Government servants in accounts as the recipients of bribes, enquiries be at once instituted as to the probability of other proof being forthcoming in support of such entries, before calling on the parties whose names are so entered for explanation.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed) H. C. GOLDSMID,

Secretary to Government.